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Applicant: LYONS ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN  
Serial No.: 09/781,148 Group Art Unit: 3743  
Filed: FEBRUARY 8, 2001 Docket No.: 12929.1053US01  
Title: COMPRESSION MOLDED INORGANIC FIBER ARTICLES, AND  
METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS USED IN MOLDING SAME

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With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of the document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. The enclosed reference is the English translation of Japanese Patent No. P3171287 B2. An abstract of this reference was submitted by the Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 20, 2002. The reference was identified as Japanese Publication No. 07080815, dated March 28, 1995.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference is not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that the reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of the reference is intended.

Consideration of the item listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.


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